

I would like lend my support for the issues raised by the partitioner.

Reducing the number of classes in the Amateur Radio Service from six (6) to two (2) would seem to be in the economic interest of the FCC and public.

The elimination of the code requirement for the proposed unified General Class license makes sense because it would provide an appropriate entry level class of license with an adequate sampling of privileges and incentives to encourage growth of the individual with time.

The retention of the code requirement for Extra Class meets the desire of the Amateur community for the continued existence of a class with appropriate incentives to encourage upgrades. The real benefit to the Amateur community in the Extra Class is that it recognizes individuals that are competent in the widest range of endeavors in this Service and it conveys some privileges that are commensurate with the demonstrated level of achievement. It also addresses the concerns of a large number of Radio Amateurs that feel that the art of Morse Code communications be a part of at least one class of license in the Amateur Regulations.

I would suggest that the new unified General License should be limited to allocations that move the operators from the band edges to insure that those newly licensed stations are kept within the confines of the bands and to provide spectrum dedicated to the exclusive use of the Amateur Extra operators.

I would further like to use this opportunity to suggest to the Commission that the present exclusive Extra Class allocations be retained and the limits suggested above be added to the privileges of this class.

Respectfully Submitted,

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